

Greenwater Pond, Becket

General Information

Greenwater Pond is a 92 acre great pond that is located approximately 4.7 miles east on Route 20 from the center of Lee. Greenwater Pond has an average depth of 24 feet and maximum depth of 60 feet and despite its name, water clarity is exceptional with an average transparency of 23 feet. The bottom varies from mud in the north and northwest end, to boulder and rock along the western shore, and sand and gravel along the southern and eastern end. Boaters should be aware of a partially submerged road that extends from the western shore more than three quarters across the pond (see map). Aquatic weeds are more abundant on the west side of this road but scant on the east side due to the presence of steep drop offs and deeper water. Shoreline development is restricted due to the large portions of shore paralleled by major roads, thus only a limited number of houses border the pond.

Recreational Access

Boat access is provided by a small unimproved dirt ramp (73° 08'34.83"W 42°16'51.92"N) on south east corner of the pond off Rt. 20. This ramp is only suitable for small boats, cartop boats, and canoes. Be careful when launching tailored boats as the water s around the ramp are very shallow. Parking is limited to the shoulder of Rt 20 near the ramp entrance. Please contact the Western district DFW office for additional information and/or restrictions pertaining to public access of Greenwater Pond.

Fish Populations

The following fish species were found during DFW surveys: Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Longnose Sucker, Goldfish, and Golden Shiner. Furthermore, Rainbow Smelt were stocked in the mid 1960's and a self-sustaining population now exists. Greenwater Pond is stocked each spring and fall with catchable sized trout.

Fishing

Goose Pond maintains a layer of cold oxygenated water throughout the warm summer months which enables trout to holdover for multiple seasons. Trout, some in the three to five pound range, are caught throughout summer along the sharp drop off on the eastern shore. Decent sized Smallmouth Bass can also be caught along the boulder-strewn western shore. Rainbow Smelt fishing at night during the ice fishing season is also popular and productive. Bear in mind that Smelt in inland waters may not be taken between March 1, and May 15 and may be captured by hook and line only.

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92 Acres Becket Housatonic River Watershed

Coordinates: 73°9'22"W 42°17'22"N USGS Quad: East Lee



